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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/985,734 Confirmation No.: 4237
Applicant : Catherine A. HAALA
Filed : November 6, 2001
Title : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OBSTRUCTING A PERSON
FROM NEGOTIATING A TRANSACTION WITH ANOTHER
PERSON, GROUP, OR ENTITY IN A POPULATION
TC/A.U. : 2131
Examiner : Ronald Baum
Docket No. : US 1295/01
Date : September 12, 2003

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of April 15, 2003, the period for filing a response to which having been extended by two-months, from July 15, 2003 to September 15, 2003, by virtue of concurrent filing of a Petition for Extension of Time and the requisite fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the substitute Abstract (1 page) is attached following page 44 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:

Please replace the following for the title of record:

-- NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD SYSTEM AND BIOMETRIC IDENTITY
VERIFICATION METHOD FOR NEGOTIATING TRANSACTIONS--.